

ABSTRACT

A vulcanizing mold for a pneumatic tire wherein the tread portion includes a center region and outer regions on both sides thereof. The mold 5 includes a pair of side mold members movable toward each other defining part of a mold cavity for vulcanizing a green tire, and away from each other allowing setting of the green tire into the mold cavity and removal of a 10 vulcanized tire out of the mold cavity. Each side mold member has inner peripheral surface with ridges for forming grooves in the outer region of the tread portion. The ridges of the side mold members extend in parallel with 15 each other, as seen in a developed view of the inner peripheral surface of the side mold member, and terminate at positions corresponding to a tread end of the tire so that the grooves formed by these ridges are opened in the tread end. A plurality of distance piece are arranged axially between the side mold members and movable radially of the mold so as to be assembled with each other to form an inner peripheral surface with a ridge that forms a groove in the center region of the tread portion.

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